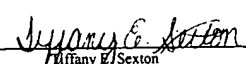




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Applicant, in the above-identified matter, hereby petitions under 37 CFR §1.136 for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated August 6, 2003. This Petition requests an extension of time extending the period for responding to the Office Action up to and including January 6, 2004.

Enclosed is a check for \$420.00 to cover the extension of time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1495.

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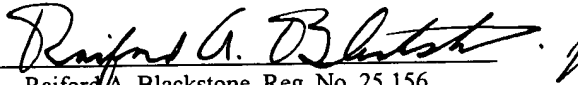
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